

FISCAL NOTE

HJR 85

February 28, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Urges the Department of Health and the Department of Education to develop and implement a suitable program which accommodates increased physical activity, reduced vending machine usage, and enhanced dietary lunches for Tennessee's elementary, secondary, middle and high schools that will successfully combat the problem of childhood obesity.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

Other Fiscal Impact – To the extent the Departments of Education and Health develop and implement a program addressing obesity in children as proposed by the resolution, costs could exceed \$5,000,000 to the state and exceed \$4,000,000 to local governments.

Assumptions:

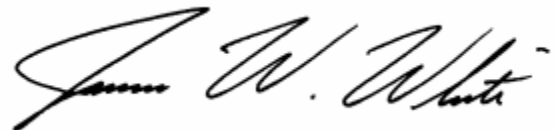
- Since this resolution urges but does not mandate the development and implementation of a program addressing obesity in children, the cost of this resolution is estimated to be not significant. It is assumed that topics such as physical activity and proper diet are currently addressed to some extent, in Lifetime Wellness, Health and Biology classes.
- However, to the extent the Department of Education and the Department of Health develop and implement a program pertaining to childhood obesity for all students in the state public schools (approximately 900,000), state and local government expenditures would increase.
- To develop and implement such a program, the Department of Education estimates the following would be required: a Health Consultant, a P.E. Consultant, two support staff, nine Wellness Coordinators in nine field offices across the state, funds to provide professional development/technical assistance to the LEAs, and additional wellness equipment and supplies for 1600 schools. At least 150 additional Wellness teachers would also be required statewide (assumes a state/local share).

For information purposes, the Department of Education has developed a Physical Activity Task Force consisting of representatives from the appropriate agencies and organizations, physical education teachers, nutrition specialists, and other experts for the purpose of developing and disseminating recommendations to all LEAs in physical activity and nutrition.

In addition, under the Coordinated School Health Program (T.C.A. 49-1-1001 et seq) there are 10 on-going pilot programs, each receiving \$1,000,000 to address the health needs of the students, including but not limited to, health services, health education, school counseling, school nutrition services, physical activity, and family and community involvement to enhance student health.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director